

Appl. No. 10/761,737
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REMARKS:

Objections. The objection to the specification has been addressed by amendment. It is noted that the feature "setting item" was originally described as "setting condition" in the Summary of the Invention portion of the translated specification.

Rejections. The rejection of Claim 5 under Section 112 has been obviated by amendment to remove the term "step-like."

The rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-8 under Section 102(b) is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons. Pending claim 1 recites that the control means controls the setting of the function setting means so that the **addition or deletion of the setting item of the function setting means, or re-arrangement of the order of the setting item** is achieved. It is submitted that these features are not disclosed in the cited reference; the portions of the Mizuno reference cited in the rejection in relation to this particular limitation are Figure 11 and column 5, lines 55-67, but it appears that the portions therein describe, rather than adding or deleting a setting item or rearranging the order of the setting item, adjustment programming so that the direction and speed of the lens rotation, processing pressure, and so on are changed depending on a kind of the lens even in the same type of processing.

Pending claim 2 recites that the control means controls setting of the function setting means so that the setting item of the function setting means is set when the predetermined time has passed after the cursor is matched with the item displayed on the screen corresponding to the setting item.

Again, it is submitted that these features are not disclosed in the cited reference. The fact that the setting item of the function setting means is set when the predetermined time has passed after the cursor is matched with the item prevents forgetting the operation of the function setting means after operation of the cursor.

Claim 3 herein recites that the control means controls the displaying of the display means so that at least either, or both of, the tab arranged to display the layout operating screen for setting the layout of the eyeglass lens shape data, and the tab arranged to display the state of measuring the edge thickness of the eyeglass lens, the simulation of the shape of the V-shaped protrusion formed on the edge of the eyeglass lens, and the grinding process screen such as a state of processing of the eyeglass lens, is displayed on the displaying means. Because either or both of the tabs are displayed on the displaying means, it is possible to very easily access necessary information. Such a structure is not disclosed in the cited reference.

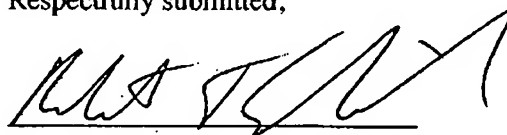
The present claim 4 recites that the control means controls the level display means that displays the level corresponding to the progress of grinding processing of the eyeglass lens, from the step measuring the edge thickness of the eyeglass lens based on the eyeglass lens shape data, to the step on which the grinding process of the eyeglass lens has been completed.

Displaying the level corresponding to the progress of grinding processing of the eyeglass lens from the step measuring the edge thickness of the eyeglass lens based on the eyeglass lens shape data to the step on which the grinding process of the eyeglass lens has been completed is not disclosed in the cited reference.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that there has not been established anticipation of the claims herein, and that the invention is presented herein in clear and concise patentable terms. Prompt, favorable treatment of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication, including any outstanding extension fees, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call Robert J. Schneider at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

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